

Trapper Education Mandatory

All beginning trappers who have not purchased a trapping license in the past *are required* to complete the Wisconsin Cooperative Trapper Education Program (WCTEP) prior to trapping. Persons exempt from this requirement must have purchased a trapping license in the past, or be actively engaged in farming as defined in ss.102.04(3). Trapper education programs from other states will be honored provided the course has essentially the same content as the WCTEP. Participants will learn trapping ethics, history and basic trapping techniques plus proper pelt preparation, marketing and furbearer management.

The Wisconsin Trappers' Association administers the WCTEP program in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. A group of trapping instructors has been trained throughout Wisconsin to conduct the 16-hour series. Prospective students should be at least 12 years of age. A fee of \$8.00 payable to the WCTEP will be charged. Graduates receive a one-year trapping license. All trappers interested in attending these sessions should contact the closest Trapper Education Instructor listed below. Check the adjacent map for counties in each WCTEP district. You can also visit the trapper education website at:
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/trap/>

Trapper Education Instructors and Coordinators

WCTEP Statewide Coordinator: Scott Peterson
P.O. Box 147 Arena, WI 53503 (608) 753-2508

District 1
Tom Frizzell
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District 6
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District 7
Scott Zimmerman
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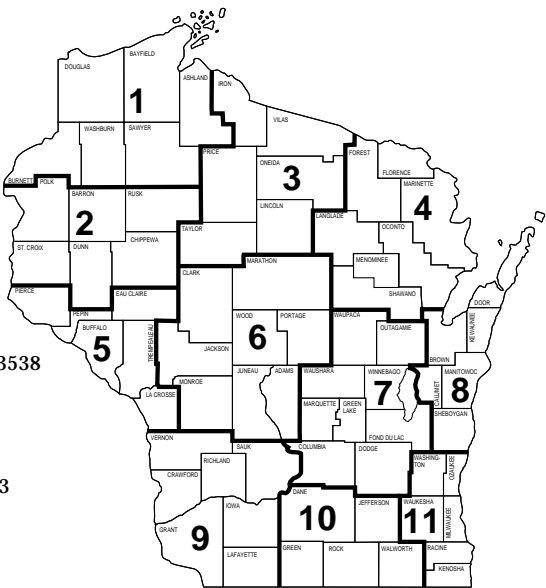
District 8
Chris Bezio
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Pulaski, WI 54162
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District 9
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District 10
Skip Gregoire
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(414) 563-9132

District 11
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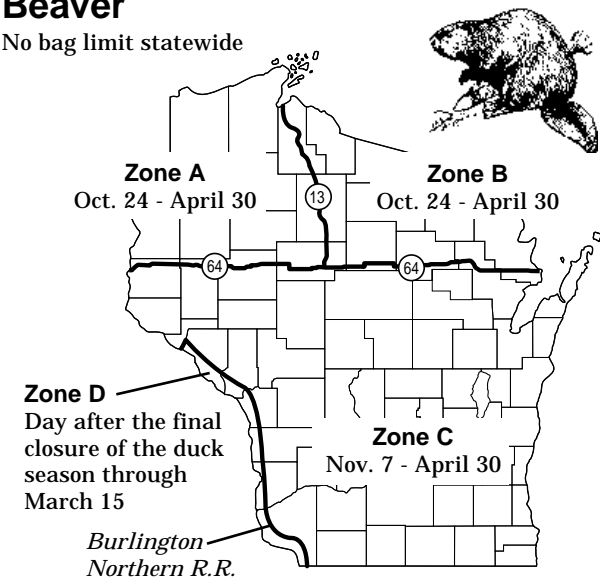
**Correspondence
Course Director:**
Mike Widner,
P.O. Box 483,
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-9622



Wisconsin Cooperative Trapper Education Districts

Beaver

No bag limit statewide



Beaver Damage Control

- Landowners, occupants, and family members may hunt or trap beaver on their land at anytime without a license. Landowners may also trap on beaver dams. Beaver dams may be removed without a permit. See DNR publication no. WM-007, *Beaver Damage Control*, or contact local DNR office for more information.

★ New Conibear Regulations For 1998 ★

No person may set, place or operate any 7"x 7" killer, 220 conibear type, trap; as a

Water set - unless one-half of the set trap is located underwater at all times;

Elevated set - unless the trap is placed at least 5 feet above the surface;

Baited and/or scented set in or on the ground - unless the trap trigger is within an enclosure that provides openings no greater than 50 square inches for a 7 inch recess; OR, an 8 inch height by 10 inch width opening with a 10 inch minimum recess from the enclosure openings;

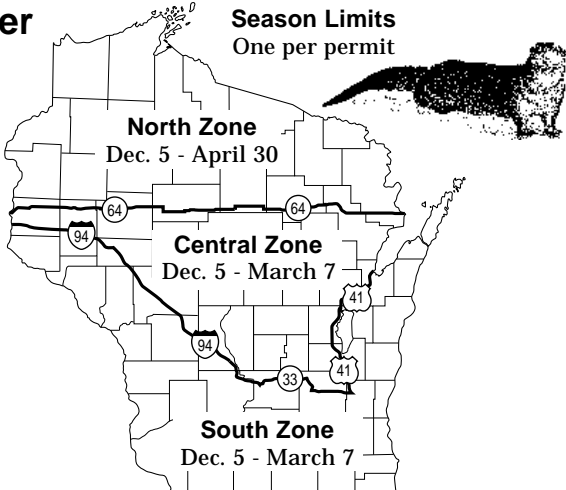
Unbaited and/or unscented trail set - unless the trap is within an enclosure that provides openings no greater than 10 inches in height and 10 inches in width and is recessed a minimum of 15 inches from the enclosure openings; or

Bottom entry enclosure set - unless the entire opening of the enclosure is no more than 7 inches above the surface. The measurement to the surface is the distance to the first surface beneath the trap or opening, where the surface is ground, ice, crusted or packed snow or any other hard material.

For the purposes of this section, an enclosure means any device that creates a barrier to the trap allowing entry only through designated openings.

Otter

Season Limits
One per permit



★ New Otter Tag Issuance Program ★

The new pelt tag issuance system is identical to current bobcat and fisher programs. Annual harvest goals are determined based on population size for each zone. The number of tags issued depends upon a four year average success rate. Bag limits for each zone will be one otter per permit. Permits are now zone specific.

- Otter taken during beaver trapping are not legal unless the otter season is open and you possess valid otter tags. Otter may not be taken any other time.



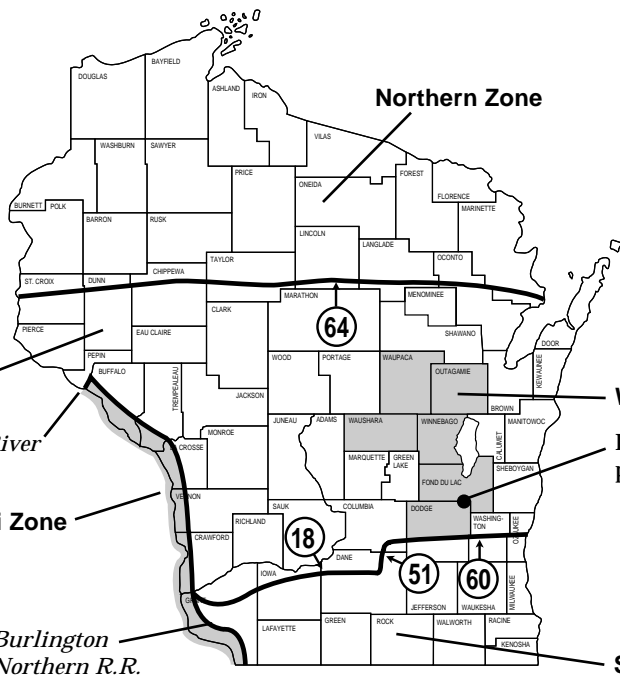
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Mink

Zone	Dates
Northern	Oct. 24 - Dec. 31
Central	Oct. 31 - Dec. 31
Winnebago	Oct. 31 - Mar. 15
Mississippi	* - Jan. 15
Southern	Nov. 7 - Dec. 31

* Day after the final closure of the duck season.

Special trapping permits are required to trap the Upper Mississippi Federal Wildlife Refuge. For more information contact:
Headquarters Office
51 E. 4th Street
Winona, MN 55987
507-452-4232



Muskrat

Zone	Dates
Northern	Oct. 24 - Feb. 28
Central	Oct. 31 - Feb. 28
Winnebago	Oct. 31 - Mar. 15
Mississippi	* - Feb. 28
Southern	Nov. 7 - Feb. 28

* Day after the final closure of the duck season.

Musk rats taken while beaver trapping are legal fur. Note the rules listed under "Trap Size and Placement Restrictions."

Winnebago Zone

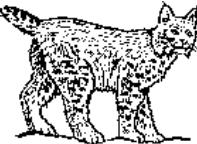
Horicon National Wildlife Refuge: Open to trapping on a permit system. Permit details are available through:
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Refuge Manager
Horicon NWR
W4279 Headquarters Rd.
Mayville, WI 53050
414-387-2658

Fisher

Special zones (A, B, C, D) *only* by permit(s); season limit 1 per permit

Fisher Management Zones are made up of the following Deer Management Units:
A - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 22, 78, and 79
B - 6, 7, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29A, and 30
C - 29B, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 52
D - 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49A, 49B, 50, 51A, and 51B
Zones E and F - Remainder of the state. Permits are not available in zones E and F.

- Dry land sets may not be used in portions of Ashland, Bayfield, Sawyer, Forest, Oneida and Vilas Counties to protect pine marten. For maps of these areas, contact the DNR offices in Spooner, Ladysmith, Hayward, Brule, Park Falls, Rhinelander or Woodruff.
- Opossum, skunks and weasels are unprotected and may be trapped year-round by persons possessing a trapping license.



Bobcat

North of Highway 64 *only* by permit; season limit 1



Coyote

No bag limit statewide



Raccoon

No bag limit statewide



Red and Gray Fox

No bag limit statewide

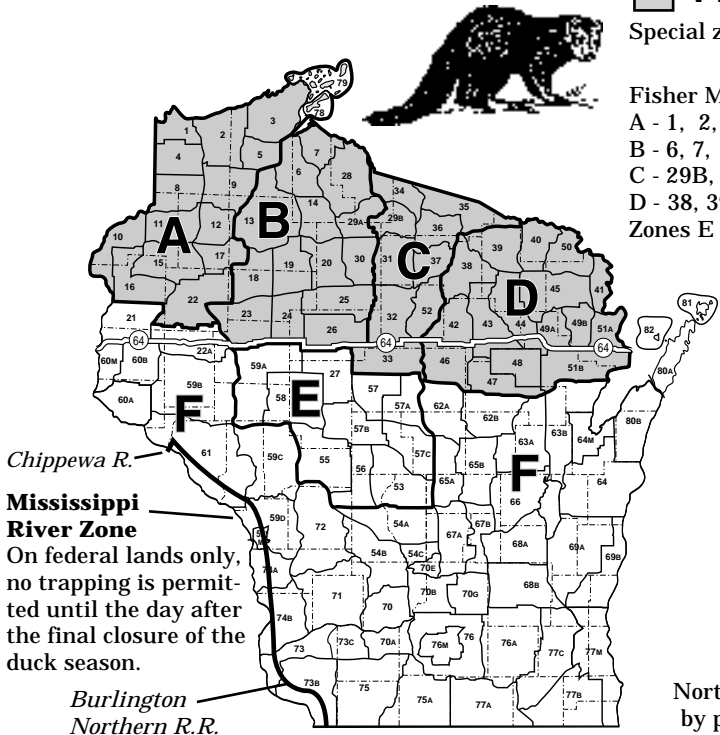
Season Dates

North of Highway 64

Bobcat	Oct. 17 - Dec. 31
Raccoon	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31
Fox	Oct. 17 - Feb. 15
Coyote	Oct. 17 - Feb. 15
Fisher	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31

South of Highway 64

Fox	Oct. 31 - Feb. 15
Coyote	Oct. 31 - Feb. 15
Raccoon	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31
Fisher	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31



Chippewa R.
Mississippi River Zone
On federal lands only, no trapping is permitted until the day after the final closure of the duck season.

Burlington Northern R.R.